

# SOUTH AMERICA - TITICACA UNCOVERED



## TRIP CODE

LATSPTP

## DURATION

4 Days

## LOCATIONS

Bolivia, Peru



## INTRODUCTION

Best known as the "Sacred Lake", Lake Titikaka is the highest navigable lake in the world (3810 meters above mean sea level), and is shared between Peru and Bolivia, with a total extension of 8400 km2.

It is divided in two basins: the great lake, sprinkled with islands beholders of archeological remains, which are a testament of the domain that the Aymara civilization exerted in this region. The minor lake has an exceptional landscape as the Royal Andean Mountain range can be appreciated on the northern side. The Tiwanaku civilization, one of the most representative of our country, lived around this part of the lake.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Puno / Tiwanaku Ruins / La Paz

Private transportation from Puno to Desaguadero (boarder Peru/Bolivia). Continue the trip to Tiwanaku passing the highlands, one of the oldest American cultures, considered the cradle of the American man. Visit the temple of Kalasasaya, Gate of the Sun, monoliths Ponce and Fraile, Akapana pyramid and Semiunderground temple, as well as the local museums. Continue to La Paz. Overnight in hotel.



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## DAY 2: La Paz city tour

A 4 hour morning tour in of La Paz, including the area of the street markets, rich in handicrafts, weavings and witchcraft artifacts. The tour goes through the colonial part of the city, San Francisco Church, Gold Museum, Murillo Square and the outdoor replica of the Tiwanaku temple. Then to the modern part of town, dropping down a lot in elevation to finally visit the Valley of the Moon, enjoy all of its natural geological formations. Afternoon free. Overnight in hotel.



## DAY 3: La Paz / Copacabana / Island of the Sun

Bus trip going north through the highlands and parallel to the Andes Royal Range to Copacabana (3 ½ hours), a nice town in the shores of Lake Titicaca. Visit the famous Virgen Morena and its church, have a stroll of town. Take the boat to the Island of the Sun (1 hour), land in Huacani port, have a typical lunch “Aptapi”. Hike for about 45 min to overnight in Ecolodge La Estancia.



## DAY 4: Island of the Sun / Copacabana / Puno

DON'T MISS AN EARLY SUNRISE! Take the boat north to visit the Chincana ruins and the Sacred Rock (1 hour), then boat to the Island of the Moon and its Iñak Uyu ruins (1 hour), to finally reach Copacabana (1 ½ hours). Lunch or box lunch included. Transportation by bus to Puno (3 ½ hours).



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services and meals included as mentioned in the program</li> <li>• English speaking guides</li> <li>• Include all the entrances fee and contributions</li> <li>• Shared service</li> <li>• Accommodation as mentioned in the program</li> </ul>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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